Interim Directive to The Dressage SA Rules 2026 (Effective 20 April 2026)

CHAPTER 2 ~~SECTION 32~~

~~3~~2.1.0 TESTS, ARENAS AND OFFICIALS

~~3~~2.1.5 For Pony Rider and Children's ~~Open~~ (Medium), the current Pony Rider and Children Dressage SA and FEI Pony Rider and Children tests shall be ridden.

CHAPTER 4 ~~SECTION 34~~

GRADING

~~3~~4.1.0 Grading of Horses and Ponies

~~3~~4.1.1 Horse Grades shall be known as:

					~~Senior Open (SO)~~		
SENIOR ~~Adult~~ ATHLETES ~~Competitions~~	N	E	M	ADV	SMALL TOUR (ST) • Prix St George • Inter 1 • Inter 1 Freestyle	MEDIUM TOUR (MT) • Inter A • Inter B • Medium Tour Freestyle	BIG TOUR (BT) • Inter II • Grand Prix • Grand Prix Special • Grand Prix Freestyle
JUNIOR ATHLETES	N	E	M	JADV ~~Junior Open (JO)~~ ~~• FEI Junior Preliminary~~ ~~• FEI Junior Team~~ ~~• FEI Junior Individual~~ ~~• FEI Junior Freestyle~~	SMALL TOUR (ST) • Prix St George • Inter 1 • Inter 1 Freestyle	MEDIUM TOUR (MT) • Inter A • Inter B • Medium Tour Freestyle	BIG TOUR (BT) • Inter II • Grand Prix • Grand Prix Special • Grand Prix Freestyle
PONY RIDER ATHLETES	PRN	PRE	PRM ~~Pony Rider Open (PO)~~ ~~• FEI Pony Rider Preliminary~~ ~~• FEI Pony Rider Team~~ ~~• FEI Pony Rider Individual~~ ~~• FEI Children Team~~ ~~• FEI Children Individual~~ ~~• FEI Pony Rider Freestyle~~				
CHILDREN ATHLETES	CN	CE	CM ~~Children Open (CO)~~ ~~• FEI Pony Rider Preliminary~~ ~~• FEI Pony Rider Team~~ ~~• FEI Pony Rider Individual~~ ~~• FEI Children Team~~ ~~• FEI Children Individual~~ ~~• FEI Pony Rider Freestyle~~				

~~3~~4.1.3 The classification of the horse must be made by the owner in writing.

ii. A Grade E or CE horse or PRE Pony may be upgraded when it has accumulated a minimum of 10 points gained in E or in any higher tests in which it is eligible to compete. A Grade E or CE horse or PRE pony shall be upgraded when it has accumulated a maximum of 100 points as described above. A grade CE horse or PRE pony may ride in CM~~O~~ and PM~~O~~ classes

iii. A Grade M may be upgraded when it has accumulated a minimum of 10 points gained in Medium tests or in any higher tests in which it is eligible to compete. A Grade M or

horse shall be upgraded when it has accumulated a maximum of 100 points as described above.

A grade JM horse or pony may ride in JADV~~O~~ classes

iv. A horse Graded ADV may be upgraded to ST (Small Tour) ~~Senior Open~~ when it has accumulated a minimum of 10 points gained in Dressage SA Advanced tests

v. Points gained by PRM ~~(PO)~~ ponies, or CM ~~(CO), JO~~ or ~~SO~~ horses will be recorded for future ranking purposes

vii. ~~A Grade SO must have received at least a minimum score of 60% in the relevant tour level (ST, MT & BT) or more at any DSA recognised show in order to compete in this grade at a provincial or national championship~~

CHAPTER 6 ~~SECTION 36~~

~~3~~6.4.0 QUALIFICATION OF HORSES

~~3~~6.4.1 In the ~~Young Riders and~~ Junior SA Team Championship horses may be graded from ~~Preliminary~~ Medium to Junior ~~Open~~ Grand Prix. In the Senior ~~Adult~~ National Team Championship, horses shall be graded ~~Medium~~ Senior Advanced ~~and Senior Open~~ and above.

~~3~~6.4.2 In the Children and Pony Rider National Team Championship ponies and horses may be graded from ~~Preliminary~~ Elementary to Children or Pony Rider ~~Open~~ Medium.

APPENDIX DS/5 - DRESS AT ALL RECOGNISED EVENTS

LEVEL OF TEST	COATS	HATS	BREECHES	BOOTS	SHIRTS	TIES/STOCKS	GLOVES
Preliminary / Novice	See note below	Protective headgear	White, or off white	Long black / any dark colour or colour of coat ~~jacket~~ or leather Gaiters. Suede not allowed	White or conservative colour or pattern.	White, off white or same colour as coat or American style collar	White, off white or same colour as coat
Elementary	See note below	Protective headgear	White, or off white	Long black / any dark colour or colour of coat ~~jacket~~ or leather Gaiters. Suede not allowed	White or conservative colour or pattern.	White, off white or same colour as coat or American style collar	White, off white or same colour as coat
Children and Pony Rider Medium ~~Open~~	See note below	Protective headgear	White, or off white	Long black / any dark colour or colour of coat or leather leggings. Suede not allowed	White or conservative colour or pattern.	White, off white or same colour as coat or American style collar	White, off white or same colour as coat
Medium	Coat or tail coat See note below	Protective headgear	White, or off white	Long black / any dark colour or colour of coat ~~jacket~~ or leather Gaiters. Suede not allowed	White or conservative colour or pattern.	White, off white or same colour as coat	White, off white or same colour as coat
~~Junior Open~~	~~Tail coat See note below Double bridle or snaffle~~	~~Protective headgear~~	~~White, or off white~~	~~Long black / any dark colour or colour of coat or leather leggings~~	~~White or conservative colour or pattern.~~	~~White, off white or same colour as coat~~	~~White, off white or same colour as coat~~
Advanced ~~and Senior Open~~ FEI Small Tour, FEI Medium Tour And FEI Big Tour	Tail coat See note below Double bridle or snaffle	Protective headgear	White, or off white	Long black / any dark colour or colour of coat ~~jacket~~ or leather leggings FEI Tests Small Tour, Medium Tour and Big Tour – Long black / any dark colour or colour of coat ~~jacket~~	White or conservative colour or pattern.	White, off white or same colour as coat	White, off white or same colour as coat

APPENDIX DS/8 – DRESSAGE SA CHALLENGE RULES

Sections

The competition shall be run at separate levels with the relevant tests for each section being elected annually by the Dressage SA council.

Section	Grade
Section 1.	~~Adult~~ Senior Preliminary
Section 2.	~~Adult~~ Senior Novice
Section 3.	~~Adult~~ Senior Elementary
Section 4.	~~Adult~~ Senior Medium
Section 5.	~~Adult~~ Senior Advanced
Section 6.	~~Adult~~ Senior ~~Open~~ FEI level - Small Tour
Section 7.	~~Adult~~ Senior ~~Open~~ FEI level - Medium Tour
Section 8.	~~Adult~~ Senior ~~Open~~ FEI level – Big Tour
Section 9.	Junior Preliminary
Section 10.	Junior Novice
Section 11.	Junior Elementary
Section 12.	Junior Medium
Section 13.	Junior ~~Open~~ Advanced
Section 14.	Junior Small Tour
Section 15 ~~4~~.	Pony Rider/ Children Preliminary
Section 16 ~~5~~.	Pony Rider/ Children Novice
Section 17 ~~6~~.	Pony Rider/ Children Elementary
Section 18~~7~~.	Pony Rider/ Children ~~Open~~ Medium

Colours of the Dressage SA Challenge badges will be as follows:

FEI level ~~Senior Open~~	- Gold
Advanced and Medium, ~~Junior Open, Pony Rider open and Children Open~~	- Silver
Elementary	- Blue
Novice	- Green
Preliminary	- Yellow